

## **Clinical Research Assistant Position Description**

Center for Health Care Evaluation  
SUD QUERI  
VA Palo Alto Health Care System

### **Project Description**

The primary goal of the Substance Use Disorders Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (SUD QUERI) is to identify and then implement empirically supported treatment practices to improve care of substance use disorder patients in the VA. Recent results from a randomized trial suggest that telephone case monitoring for SUD patients who have completed acute treatment may be an efficient method for treating patients. Our project has received funding from the SUD QUERI to test the effectiveness of providing telephone continuing care to patients at the Palo Alto VA.

### **Primary Duties & Responsibilities**

Two part-time telephone case monitors (15hr/week) will work closely with Dr. John McKellar, a licensed clinical psychologist, to implement and monitor the effectiveness of telephone case monitoring, including in-person supervision and review of audiotapes.

- Complete 2 days of training on providing telephone case monitoring
- Liaison with program staff to identify and enroll patients
- Develop and maintain system for tracking telephone contacts
- Conduct telephone case monitoring sessions on weekly basis with enrolled patients
- Construct, document, and maintain computer data files
- Conduct bibliographic searches

### **Qualifications**

- Good telephone skills
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills
- Detail orientation
- Experience with telephone treatment (e.g., crisis line) preferred

### **Employment**

- Funding is for two positions, 15 hours per week, 20\$/hour.
- Projected date is October 2005
- Ending date is September 2006

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